

# CONFESSES ARSON OF REXBURG DEPOT

Special Agent Jones of O. S. L.  
Breaks Down William  
Barker.

## WATCHED THE STATION BURN

Youth Now Waiting Trial Has a Utah  
Reform School Record—Saved  
Innocent Suspect.

Joseph Jones, chief special agent of the Oregon Short Line detective force, returned from Rexburg, Idaho, this morning, carrying in his pocket the signed confession of William Barker to the burning of the morning of May 10 of the Rexburg passenger station. Mr. Jones had been working on the case for more than a month, and had been following a number of clues, implicating several parties in the act of arson, among them two residents of Salem, in Idaho.

All theories, however, failed to materialize until Chief of Police B. M. Larson of Rexburg, suspected Barker and informed Special Agent Jones of his theories. Mr. Jones took up the thread and successfully wove the net in which the young man entangled himself, and yesterday at Rexburg he made a full confession to having committed the act which resulted in the burning of the depot.

Barker is 23 years of age, and has a reform school record in Utah. His home is at Escalante, Garfield county, and from that place he was sent to the industrial school at Ogden in July, 1906, charged with burglary in the first degree. In August following he made his escape from the Ogden institution, but was recaptured and taken back a short time afterwards. In October he escaped again, and returned to his home at Escalante, where he threatened to burn the store and other property belonging to the man who had been instrumental in sending him to the reform school. The head of the industrial school learned of his whereabouts and upon request the sheriff of Garfield county took the young man back to Ogden.

### BARKER CONFESSES.

On April 3, 1908, after the inmates of the school had been in Ogden attending some athletic events, Barker broke away from the crowd in the night, and got away, going to Idaho Falls. He remained in Idaho until he was charged with burning the Rexburg depot, to which he confessed after some severe questioning upon the part of Agent Jones.

The other young man charged with the crime was brought in from Salem, in company with his gray-haired father, before whom he stoutly maintained his innocence. He was confronted with Barker, and the latter, rather than see the boy go to jail for the offense, confessed to having perpetrated the act himself. He said he went to the depot at Rexburg late on the night of the 9th of May, and at 2:30 in the morning he heard some hammering at the depot, and went over to see what it was. He saw two men emerge from the depot, he said, and one of them gave him \$5 and told him to "keep his mouth shut." He then went in to the station, going through the waiting room to the office, and striking a match, he lit a pile of paper, throwing the burning paper into a pile of paper, etc., in the corner of the room. He then went back to the box car where he had been sleeping, and watched the station burn.

He could give no satisfactory description of the men whom he says he saw coming out of the depot and Officer Jones does not place any credence in that part of his confession relating to them. But he is satisfied the boy burned the depot, which was valued at \$3,000, besides papers contained in the building.

### RAILROAD CAR DEMAND.

Orders Indicate Return of Prosperity  
In Railroad World.

New York, June 17.—The returning prosperity of the country is indicated by the activity of railroad car manufacturers. Orders for fully 60,000 freight cars will be placed soon, according to the iron and steel trade papers. The Harriman line has received figures on 4,300 freight cars of which 1,300 are the box type. The American Car & Foundry company has received a contract for 2,250 freight cars for the Western Pacific. The Chicago & Great

That sparkling soda  
water at our fountain  
is a splendid thirst  
quencher—relieves  
that over heated  
feeling too.



The Pure Drug  
Dispensary  
112-114  
South Main  
Street

Western is in the market for 1,000, and the Northern Pacific for 2,000 cars.  
Official announcement that the Harriman line has ordered 150,000 tons of steel rails, to cost \$4,200,000, is expected. The principal rail order for the week was for 25,000 tons from the Northern Pacific, divided between the Indiana Steel company and the Lackawanna Steel company. The Chesapeake & Ohio ordered 4,300 tons; the Iowa Central 3,000 tons and the Minneapolis & St. Louis 4,200 tons.

### HAWAIIAN CATTLE SHIPMENT.

First Consignment of Its Kind Passes  
Through Ogden.

(Special to the "News.")  
Ogden, June 17.—Early yesterday morning 12 cars of cattle consigned to a Kansas City packing house from the Hawaiian Islands passed through Ogden in a special train. This is one of the first shipments of cattle ever received in the United States from the Sandwich Islands and is made more so by the fact that the animals were landed at Honolulu and were unloaded at San Pedro. The cattle are part of a herd shipped to Honolulu a number of years ago. They were in the best possible condition and will undoubtedly command top-notch prices.

### AWFUL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 17.—Frank Stephens, a Salt Lake Route brakeman, was brought to this city last night from Las Vegas. One arm had been jerked from his body in a railroad accident and his shoulder was so torn that part of the lung was exposed. He was taken to the California hospital. The surgeons think he may recover.

### RAILROAD MEN RETURN.

Two Weeks' Tour to Eastern Points  
Was Most Successful.

The party of Oregon Short Line railroad officials which left this city three weeks ago for a tour of inspection and education through the leading cities and railroad centers of the east, returned to Salt Lake this morning after a successful and enjoyable trip. The party consisted of A. B. Stephenson, superintendent of the Utah division of the Oregon Short Line; B. A. Campbell, trainmaster of the Salt Lake division; J. O. Smith, division engineer; and H. W. Ingling, trainmaster of the Idaho division at Pocatello, and Henry H. Plumb, chief clerk to General H. W. Davis of the Short Line system.

### READY FOR BUSINESS.

Fourteen Hundred Mile Extension of  
C. M. & St. P. Completed.

Chicago, June 17.—Final announcement was made yesterday that the first transcontinental railroad ever built, from Chicago to the Pacific coast under one management, the 1,400-mile extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, is now ready for business. The notice was contained in a telegram received at the Chicago headquarters of the railroad from President A. I. Earling, who wired from Seattle, "the Puget river railroad is now ready to receive freight of all kinds to all points on its line."

The first consignment from Chicago to Seattle was started during the day on its 145-hour journey.

### SENATOR HEYBURN TAKES A WHACK AT NEWSPAPERS

Washington, June 16.—During his speech on the zinc schedule, Senator Heyburn of Idaho, paid his respects to the representatives of the press. He was diverted from the regular path of his remarks by an editorial suggestion in a Washington morning paper that "an ad valorem duty on tariff speeches delivered in the senate" probably would not produce enough revenue to pay the senators' salaries.

Discussing this expression he referred to the Washington representatives of the newspapers as the "joke sitters in the gallery," and declaring that they were not interested in the zinc schedule, he said that "if you get up and diverting controversy that verges upon a disregard of the rules of this body then you are happy."

"Through the courtesy of the senate," he said, the paper's representatives occupied palatial and luxurious quarters in the Capitol and were even permitted "to walk on the floor of the senate."

He declared the paper to have put itself in "a position of a guest who misbehaves himself at his host's table."

### BOOKS WANTED IN PROSECUTION OF HEINZE

New York, June 16.—Just what books and papers of the United States Copper company needed in the prosecution of Augustus Heinz are missing are made public here today, when Heinz, the president of the company, his brother, Arthur, and his son, Charles, who were former directors, appeared before Judge Ray in the United States circuit court to plead to the indictment by the federal grand jury, charging them with conspiracy to obstruct the administration of justice.

As listed in the findings of the grand jury the missing books and papers are: Ten boxes of accounts; 36 letters, five letter-press copybooks, five minute books and 50 other documents. The books are sought by the federal authorities in the investigation of the charges that Heinz misappropriated the funds of the Mercantile National bank, of which he was formerly president.

The two Heinzes and Calvin O. Geer, one of the Heinzes' associates, also named in the indictment, are charged specifically with removing on May 15, 44 pages from the ledger of the Mercantile National bank, and 18 pages from a cashbook. Warfield is charged with abstracting the books from the company, while Arthur Heinz individually is accused of giving \$100 to Tracy B. Bucknigh, a clerk, at the time of his alleged flight to Canada, when he was wanted as a witness by the government.

The brothers Heinz and Warfield today pleaded not guilty and have until Wednesday next to demur or to take such action as their counsel may see fit. They each have \$250,000 bail.

loon. At that place, and at the station, he told that he had been a member of the Duke of Abruzzi's expedition to the North Pole, and that with him on the expedition he had been unable to get warm.

It was only two or three weeks ago that those who were with him on the expedition from a "Black Hand" gang. He will be held during an investigation as to his sanity.

### NEW INCORPORATIONS.

The Nevada Surprise Mines company of Chicago, to exploit the Granite Surprise, Granite Surprise Nos. 1 to 3, inclusive, and the Ruby unpatented lode mining claims in Humboldt county, Nevada; capitalization, \$15,000. In its many shares of \$1 each, of which all are subscribed, George W. Morgan, holding one share, is president; Charles D. Rook, one share, vice president; H. P. Clark, Davis, one share, secretary; H. P. Clark, treasurer. The first three, J. J. Whitaker and E. E. Phelps, form the directorate. R. M. Edmunds holds 1,000 shares as trustee, of which 5,000 shares are set apart as treasury stock. The Maplewood Manufacturing and Resort company of this city, taking over the last Chance, Carbon Nos. 1 and 2, Carbonate, 2 and 3, Phelps, holding 100 mining claims, containing 600 acres, in Dry canyon in the Hot Springs mining district, three miles northwest of Fort Douglas, in payment of the capital stock of \$100,000, which is divided into as many shares of \$1 each, of which all are subscribed, George F. Adkins, president; Charles F. Wilcox, vice president; E. E. Wilcox, treasurer; W. W. Little, secretary; John C. Shaw, George L. Adkins and Bernard J. Stewart, additional directors.

The Lewiston Commercial and Investment company of Lewiston, Utah, filed its articles of incorporation this morning with the secretary of state. It has a capital stock of \$10,000, divided into shares of \$10 each. The officers of the company are: S. H. Rogers, president; G. A. Bower, vice president; and E. H. Marble, secretary and treasurer.

### UNIVERSITY NEWS.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend the open house which will be held next Friday afternoon in the gymnasium by the students in the department of physical education. An extensive program of drills, dances and calisthenics has been arranged for the occasion.

Prof. R. H. Bradford, metallurgical department, has gone to Seattle, where he has been engaged by the state fair commission to supervise the operations of the concentrating plant from the university which has been established there.

It is expected that the registration at the university summer school will reach 700 or more. It is now 664, as compared with 559 last year.

R. B. Ketchum, who has been connected with the Gulf and Northwestern railroad, has been appointed professor of surveying and bridge construction at the university, by the resignation of Prof. F. C. French.

A wrestling mat of regulation size and finest quality, has been added to the equipment of the gymnasium. It will be used during the summer school and also next year in a regular course, which will be instituted by Coach Maddock.

The newly created position of professor in bacteriology and pathology will be filled next year by Dr. Frank A. Campbell, who is currently in the department of bacteriology at the University of Michigan. He will also act as state bacteriologist.

### USUAL SUNDAY EXCURSION TO OGDEN.

June 20th, via Oregon Short Line.  
Round trip \$1.00. Excursions every  
Sunday during summer.

### MANY STUDENTS ENROLLED.

The advanced enrollment at the vacation school of the Y. M. C. A. is exceeding all previous records. Students from the following schools have already applied for admission for summer study: Lafayette, Sumner, Bryant, Fremont, Jackson, Oneida, Webster, Franklin, Oquirrh, Wasatch, Emerson, Lowell, Hamilton, Training, Murray, High school and others. Most of the students are enrolled for the seventh and eighth grades. The object being to give them a vacation of recreation, and a meeting of teachers held yesterday afternoon, the assignment of grade was made as follows: Eighth A. J. H. Coombs; eighth B. Mrs. A. D. H. Baker; seventh A. section, J. B. Storer; seventh B. section, Mark C. Brown; seventh C. Miss Ella Kelsey; sixth grade, Miss Clara Kenner; fifth grade, Mrs. J. B. Storer; fourth grade, Mrs. Anna Adams and Miss Anna C. Erickson. Enrollment will continue until the school opening next Monday morning at 8:30.

### LATE LOCALS.

Bridwell Hearing Postponed.—The investigation into the buildings and grounds department of the board of education which was to be resumed this morning was postponed today on account of the inability of members Martin Thomas and Cheeseman to be present. It was not decided when the inquiry will be taken up again.

Boy's Pony Stolen.—The young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wantland, 231 E. 10th, is bewailing the loss of his pet pony which disappeared from the barn on Tuesday night and has not been heard from since. The pony is a bay mare with a rusch mane, heavy tail and white blaze and was undoubtedly stolen.

### TOMORROW'S ENTRIES.

First race, say a furious, selling—Sallan, Deneen, 104; Elevation, Arcourt, Antara, Lassen, Proffitt, 106; Dorothy Ann, 102; Dolly, 102; Huasala, 102.  
Second race, four and one-half furlongs, selling—Black Gem, 121; My Nurse, 106; Danie, 106; Danie, 106; Nick, 106; Gabriel, 106; Saucy M. Gypsy Vice, 117; Kunnies, 118; Harry Stanhope, 116.  
Third race, one mile, selling—Koppek, Coppers, 104; Spring Ban, 106; Belden, Head Dance, 111; Budebury, 112; Surety, 118; Orange, 118.  
Fourth race, handicap, ladies' purse, four and one-half furlongs—Joe Wells, 104; Good Fellow, 106; Strike Out, 101; Red, 106; Sevenfull, 97; Strike Out, 101.  
Fifth race, four and one-half furlongs, selling—Napoleon, 104; Harry Stanhope, 116; Sister Julia, Belle Brady, 107; Silver Leaf, The Mouser, 106; J. W. Fuller, 106; Harry Stanhope, 116.  
Sixth race, seven furlongs, selling—Patriotic, 102; Northwest, Exchequer, Winifred, 104; Canada, Prince of Wales, Preston, Homeless, 106; Friar of Elfin, 106.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair tonight and Friday.

### TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

8 a.m.	62
9 a.m.	64
10 a.m.	66
11 a.m.	68
12 m.	70
1 p.m.	72

### YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

Highest	86
Lowest	64

# RENEW INTEREST IN PEAT SWAMPS

Movement Seeking Utilization of  
Vast Deposits to be Taken  
Up Again.

## AN ENTERPRISING POSTMAN.

Washington Has a Letter Carrier Who  
Owns an Automobile and Runs  
It With Profit.

(Special Correspondence.)  
Washington, June 12.—Several years ago a movement was started in the west which was designed to bring about the reclamation of the swamp lands of the country so as to make them available for agricultural purposes. The movement has made some headway but up to the present time Congress has not authorized the work which will eventually add many millions of acres to the arable area of the United States.

On the other hand the technologic branch of the geologic survey has been busy investigating these swamp lands. The result has convinced the scientists that millions of dollars worth of land is available for development and that many of these swamps and bogs abound in peat which at three dollars a ton aggregates in value nearly forty-eight million dollars. The states containing the greatest amount of peat are the eastern Dakotas, Minnesota, Michigan, northern Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

### REPORT TO SURVEY.

Professor Davis in a report to the geologic survey says of the prospects of the peat industry:

"Peat is a source of power, heat, or light is but one of its many uses. The by-products of great value include coke, illumination oils, lubricating oils, asphalt, and other products. Peat is a source of fuel, and is used for fuel gas, there is enough nitrogen made in the peat to supply the country to supply six hundred and forty million tons with a value of thirty-six dollars in addition to the value of the peat itself. It is a valuable potential substitute for wood in various departments of industry, and may relieve to a considerable extent the drain upon the vanishing forests of the country. Peat is a source of fuel, and is used for fuel gas, there is enough nitrogen made in the peat to supply the country to supply six hundred and forty million tons with a value of thirty-six dollars in addition to the value of the peat itself. 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